

EMS Education Committee Minutes - January 23, 2006

MINUTES EMS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Wayne Township Fire Department Headquarters

Indianapolis, Indiana

Meeting called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Steve Garrison. Committee members present:

Ron Parsons
Steve Grammer
Steve Garrison
Jim Christopher
Tina Butt.
Ed O'Farrell

John Zartman
Rita Herrington
Lindi Holt

Staff:
Tony Pagano
Sam Steinhilber
Troy Morgan
Sherrie Crain

Guests:
Jay Brainard, Miami Co EMS
Leon Bell, Wishard Hospital
Tom Arkins, Wishard Hospital
Charles Miramonti, MD, IU School of Medicine

Myron Mackey, Commission Member
Chuck Ford, Wishard Hospital EMS
Ed Bartkus, MD, Clarian Health

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John Zartman presented the lesson material the Commission requested on Morphine and Cardioversion. The committee accepted the lessons and after Commission approval will

be part of the Intermediate curriculum. If medical directors plan to add these items to their protocols they must provide training to the Intermediate level technicians.

John Zartman also reported on the test construction committee. The committee will use the current exam and add 25 questions for the additional modules. The committee will meet on February 22 in Sam's office at 9:00 AM.

The next item was moved up on the agenda due to scheduling. Sherrie Crain reported that the Commission voted to remove pulse ox from basic life support vehicles because it is not part of the EMT curriculum. Due to the overwhelming negative response from the EMS community the Commission will be asked to add pulse-oximetry to the basic life support curriculum. The Education Committee will be asked to provide a curriculum. Recommended that providers be allowed to request a waiver to put a pulse-ox back on their vehicles. Waiver request would need medical director approval.

Troy Morgan gave a presentation on Tactical EMS (TEMS). Mr. Morgan said the problem is that there is no standard. EMS personnel are serving with SWAT teams now with little or no specific training. The TEMS task force came up with a standard to send to the EMS Commission. The task force took the best from CONTOMS and the Clearcreek programs and came up with a framework for training. They would like to work towards certification. Currently there is not a National certification so Indiana's would be one of the first certifications available. There were questions on who should sponsor the programs and who should teach them. Most agreed that an individual already certified as an instructor in another discipline and trained in TEMS could teach the course. That way they would not have to be trained on how to teach. It was not clear on who the course sponsor could be.

Question was brought up as to why the training was even being considered to be an EMS role. Should it not be taught at the Law Enforcement Academy? The people already know EMS; they need to be taught how to stay safe.

Dr Bartkus said that this was a medicine course not law enforcement. He said this is good medicine in bad places and that most of it will not be done in the hot zone. Law enforcement will not want to nor should they teach this course. Most agreed that the course should be taught by a combination of EMS and law enforcement instructors.

Another question was asked as to why we even need to certify these individuals? The answer was to provide standardization and so the SWAT teams would know the individuals they were using had a minimum level of training.

Much discussion ensued. In order to make recommendations on a curriculum and certification a sub committee was formed with Troy Morgan as its leader. John Zartman and Steve Grammer from the Education Committee will be on the sub committee also.

Lindi Holt gave an update on the Critical Care Paramedic issue. They are still looking at the issue. The vast majority of medical directors that responded to a survey want the

Commission to take action on this issue. A recommendation was made that the Commission come up with a non-rule policy that says anything above the Paramedic National Standard Curriculum is considered to be a specialty transport.

The next scheduled meeting is April 24, 2006 same time, same location.